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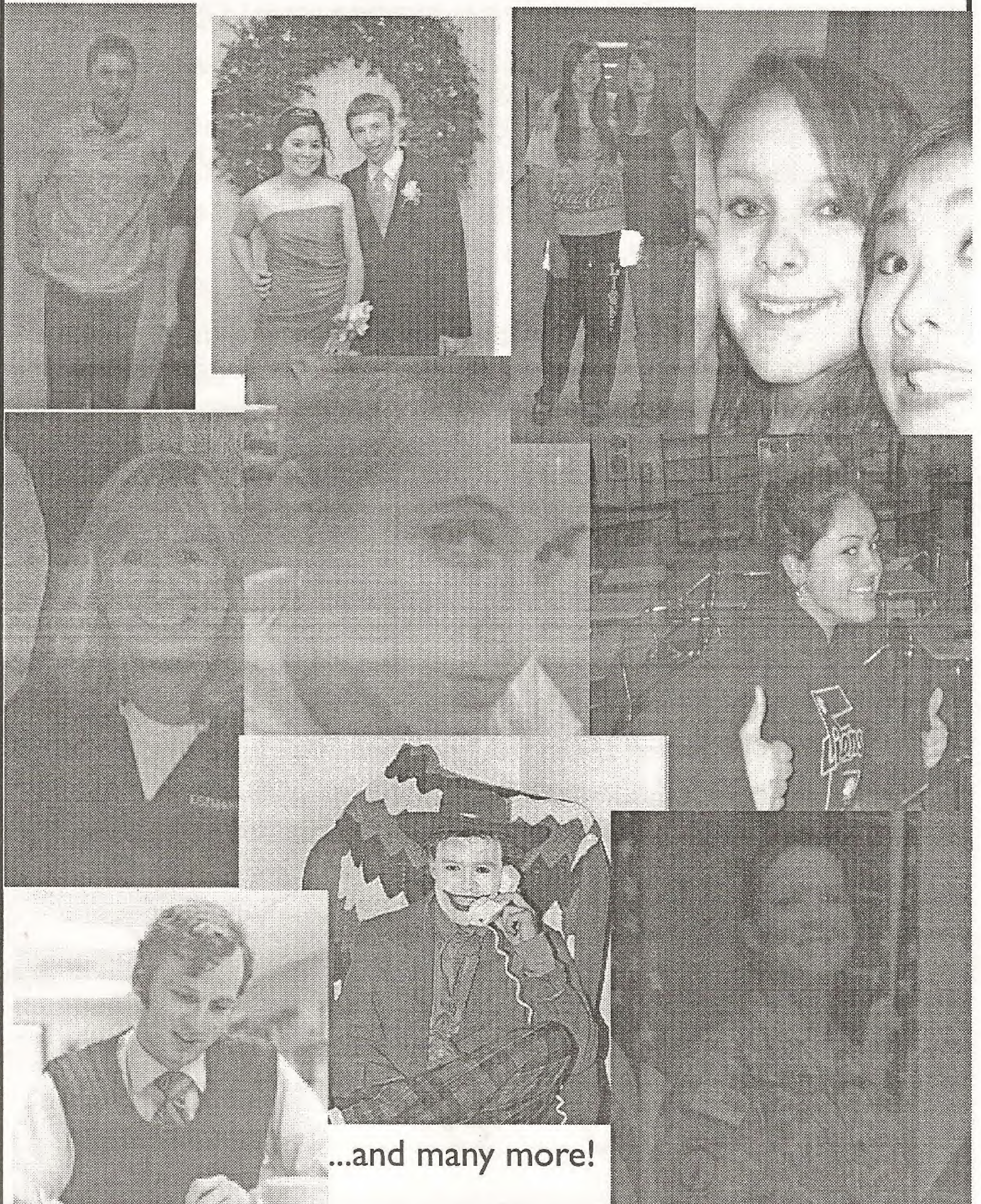
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## 16 of Ike's Most Inspirational People





# INSPIRE

[in-spahy<sup>uh</sup>r] [Verb]

*1. To make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it.*

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

When most high-schoolers think of inspirational people, their minds go right to George Washington, Mother Teresa, or Michael Jordan. But what most of us don't realize is that inspiration can be found all around us; it just depends on whether or not we choose to open our eyes and see it. Our staff has uncovered the story of "16 of Eisenhower's Most Inspirational People" to highlight the many amazing things that students, teachers, and graduates are doing every day.

We decided to create this special issue so that all of you, our readers, can see the opportunities that the world has to offer through the lives of the people we are featuring. We hope that after reading these articles, you realize that nothing should hold you back.

This issue features a vast array of people, from a teacher who has inspired us for 40 years to an exchange student from Norway who left everything for a chance to experience America firsthand and a freshman who has already survived a tumor that helped her see beauty in life.

So what have you done? What are you doing? What are you going to do? The choices and decisions are all up to you. This is your life and you can become whoever you want, but if you're a little lost, here's some inspiration.

*Jack Chan* *Amanda Gault*



By Allie Kleefisch, Staff Reporter

Ever since Billy Krager started playing basketball, he looked

up to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Not only was he a great basketball player, but he gave his time

to the community as well. Little may Billy know, but he himself is a role model to his classmates, friends, and teachers.

"Billy is passionate about learning and everything he does," Mitch Armen, 7<sup>th</sup> grader and one of Billy's friends, stated. "He puts so much time and effort into everything. He's always getting A+'s on everything." Not only do students admire Billy's academic attitudes, but also teachers do as well.

Mrs. Schmaling middle school Social Studies teacher said, "Billy is truly a leader in my class. He's kind and has a great attitude about school and life."

Billy is truly an inspiration in the classroom, but what's past the classroom genius? Just recently, Billy participated in the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) essay contest in which students had to write about their D.A.R.E education. "It took a lot of time," Billy

**"Billy is truly a leader in my class. He's kind and has a great attitude about school and life."**

**-Mrs. Schmaling**

stated as he worked diligently to incorporate things he learned in class. It took him over an hour to write because he kept searching through the D.A.R.E book and the Internet constantly. In the end, all the hard work paid off and he won the contest, which was a special achievement.

Besides the D.A.R.E. program, Billy was involved in many school activities this year. He played basketball and football and his most notable achievement was a main part in the middle school



(From left to right) Billy and friends Mitch and Matt.

play *School House Rock*. The best experience of the play was meeting new people. It was nice to have familiar faces in the halls. Needless to say, Eisenhower will definitely be seeing him in the future stage productions.

Outside of the community, Billy is involved in boy scouts where he does much community service. Since 1<sup>st</sup> grade Billy has

## D.A.R.E. By the Numbers

*Imagine...*

With the money spent incarcerating one inmate, D.A.R.E. can educate over 3,300 children per year.

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Drugs in the workplace cost American industry an estimated \$250 billion per year.

Every five minutes, an American smokes cocaine. In those same five minutes, D.A.R.E. has educated over 235 students about the dangers of illegal drugs.

-Statistics as seen on dare.com--

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been in boy scouts.

Billy states he just tries to be positive throughout the day. This attitude goes a long way being involved in everything Billy does. Regardless where Billy is or what he's doing his positive attitude shines with his desire to achieve. He influences others and truly is a motivational character.



# Cassandra Jaskulski Fights For Animal Rights

By Brianne Jaskulski, staff writer

Determined, caring, driven, compassionate: All of these words can be used to describe seventeen year-old Eisenhower student Cassandra Jaskulski. Throughout her high school career, Cassandra has been passionately crusading against the mistreatment of animals.

As a freshman, Cassandra discovered the animal rights organization PETA (People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals). Since then, she has been an active member, traveling to her cousin's college campus at Lakeland to help promote the group's message of animal compassion.

Cassandra explains why she traveled to the Leboyg campus last spring. "My cousin Andy is a student at Lakeland College, and he told me about a friend of his who was involved with PETA. She and I got talking, and she invited me to come down for the weekend and help her give a speech about animal rights. I was soattered. The lecture turned out to be one of the greatest things I have ever done."

Being an active member of PETA only scratches the surface of Cassandra's commitment to the crusade for animal rights. Last year, she began volunteering her time at the Wisconsin Humane Society in

Milwaukee. "I work there as a dog walker," explains the teen, "I'm also involved with a great program they have called The Companion Animal Program. It involves everything from cleaning and maintenance to walking and bathing the animals."

Cassandra also sets aside a

mal rights, but what sparked her interest in becoming an activist? "I have always loved animals," explains Cassandra, "When I got into high school I was watching this television program on puppy farms, and it disturbed me so much. That's when I knew I had to get involved. Animals are so important to me, and if I can do anything to help them, I will." The teenager even helped her aunt and uncle adopt a dog (aptly named Stubbies) from the Humane Society.

At the age of seventeen, Cassandra is an extraordinarily passionate teenager. Her co-worker Tara says, "I've never met anyone quite like Cassandra. She is the nicest person I have ever known. Not only does she care so deeply about

animals, but about people as well." She continues, "The things that is so great about Cass is that she is sincere in everything she does. When she really cares about something, she does everything she can to make a difference."

Cassandra's best friend Carolyn Mingari agrees, "I would definitely call Cassie inspirational. She's an amazing person who cares so much about being kind to everyone and everything."



Cass with pet puppy Walter

generous thirty percent of all money she makes working to help the cause that she is so passionate about. "The Humane Society has this amazing donation program," says Cassandra, "It's called the Companion Animal Wishlist. It's a list of all the things the animals need. Anyone can contribute money or buy a product from the list and donate it to the Humane Society. You can access the wish list online and donate money any time you want."

There is no question that Cassandra is passionate about ani-

## How You Can Get Involved

**Contact the Wisconsin Humane Society:** <http://www.wihumane.org/>

**Get Involved with PETA:** <http://www.peta.org/>

**Learn More About the Fight for Animal Rights:** <http://getactive.peta.org>

**Discover How to Help in Animal Rescue:** <http://www.animalconcerns.org>



# Chelsey Saari Fights for a Good Cause

By Cassandra Jaskulski, Staff Reporter

Bubbly, fun loving, driven, devoted, inspirational: all of the following words can be used to describe Chelsey Saari. A junior at Eisenhower High School, Chelsey is a gifted musician and singer, as well as a dedicated activist.

Over the past several years, Chelsey has devoted her time to spreading the word about the devastation caused by malaria. As she explained, "Each year, there are approximately 515 million cases of malaria, killing between one and three million people, the majority of whom are children under the age of five and pregnant women, on account of their weak immune systems." She went on to say, "When you hear something that horrifying, how can you not want to help?"

Chelsey first became

acquainted with the fight against malaria through her youth group: a congregation sponsored by Brookfield Lutheran, Chelsey's parish, to whom she devotes the majority of her spare time. In fact, just last month, Chelsey gave a half an hour presentation on the issue to around two dozen members of her youth group.

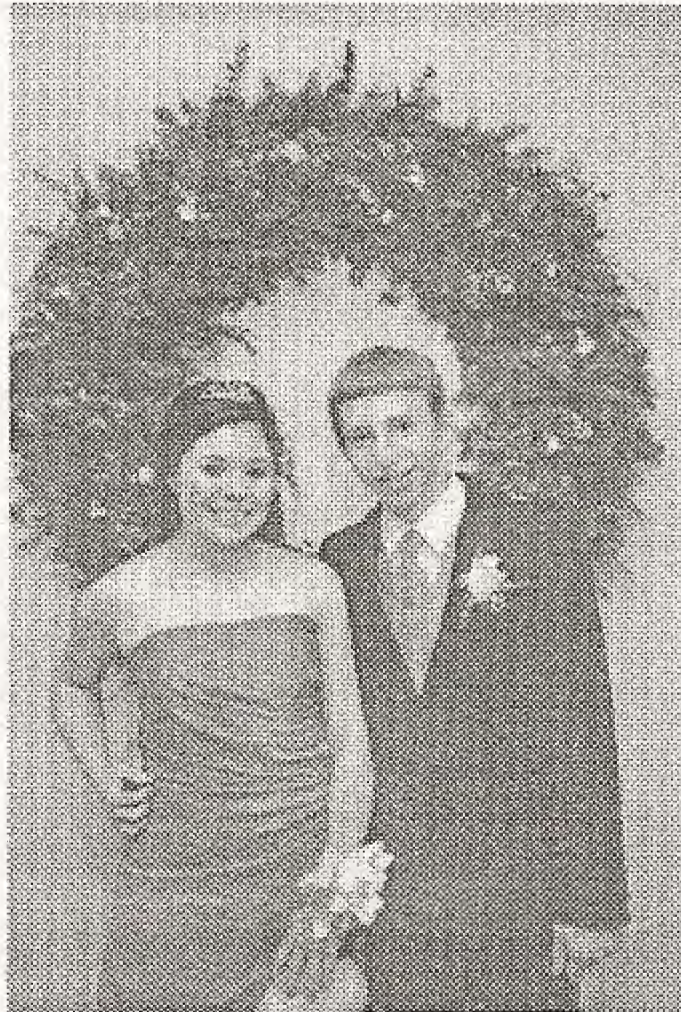
According to Chelsey, "Malaria is both a preventable and treatable disease. It can be prevented by giving families insecticide-treated bed nets that they can sleep under. At the same time, it is also treatable because

of anti-malaria drugs like artemisinin."

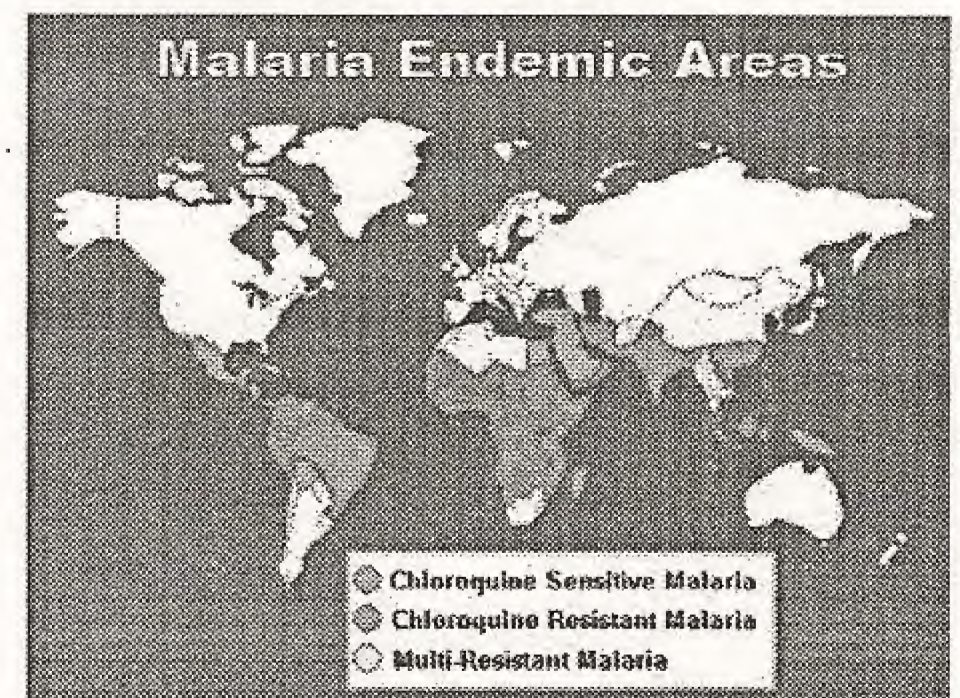
Chelsey hopes to travel to Africa this summer in order to spread the word of her campaign. While there, she will help combat the disease by donating nets and

other preventions tool to the natives. "Hopefully, the trip will be sponsored by my church and locals in the community," she says.

However, fighting malaria is not all Chelsey is interested in; she is also an unbelievably talented musician. Aside from having one of the most distinct voices in the Eisenhower Choir, Chelsey is a gifted pianist who writes her own lyrics and sheet music. Time and time again, she has said, "My dream is to pursue a music career. I would love to perform on Broadway someday."



Chelsey and boyfriend Matt Reese, a fellow malaria activist, at Prom



A map of the world most malaria- infected regions  
Provided by: nothingbutnets.net

## What is Malaria?

Malaria is a disease caused by the blood parasite Plasmodium, which is transmitted by mosquitoes. The disease, whose name comes from the Medieval Italian words mala aria or "bad air," infects more than 500 million people a year and kills more than a million. One person dies about every 30 seconds. Malaria is particularly devastating in Africa, where it is a leading killer of children. In addition to being home to the deadliest strain of malaria, many areas in Africa lack the proper infrastructure and resources to fight back, making it a literal death sentence for anyone infected.

The disease has also had a devastating effect on the countries economy. Malaria accounts for up to half of all hospital admissions and outpatient visits in Africa. In addition to the burden on the health system, malaria illness and death cost Africa approximately \$12 billion a year in productivity loss.

Information provided by nothingbutnets.net



This simple mosquito bite is single-handedly responsible for the death of millions



# Sophomore Megan Tkachuk

By Erik Krueger, Staff Reporter



Smart, well-rounded individual who plays many sports, helps relatives, and has a plethora of good friends. Sophomore Megan Tkachuk can inspire anyone with her great attitude.

Austin Selwick agrees, saying comically, "We shall see her food well."

She shows great initiative to stay on task and stays away from the bad-crowd. Megan is a great representative for Eisenhower in many ways. She plays basketball at IKE and on a select basketball team, as well as volleyball. She also is a reliable babysitter, has a great grade point average and helps other people. She is a well-rounded individual that has options to become whatever she wants in society.

Justin Weilane says, "She's a little person with a big heart."

Alex agrees with Justin but adds, "Megan's a little person with big dreams."

She stays active and keeps on track to accomplish

her goals of going to college and playing basketball, and maybe becoming a teacher.

Megan says she is inspired to do her best by her role model, her dad.

Megan says, "My dad helped me a lot in keeping me going." A lot of praise came from her friends who see her as someone to admire.

Sammy Woller is another supporter who was inspired saying that "Megan always gives 110%."

## How to Shoot a Free Throw

According To [www.FHOW.COM](http://www.FHOW.COM)

You will need: A Basketball

- 1) Balance yourself at the free throw line. Keep your feet shoulder-width apart and parallel to one another.
- 2) Point both feet and square your upper body toward the basket. Position your feet just behind the line; move one of your feet back an inch or two, if that's comfortable.
- 3) Hold the ball by using the hand of your non-shooting arm to support and cradle it lightly. Place the middle three fingers of your shooting hand on the seams of the ball, with your thumb and palm acting as supports.
- 4) Keep your shooting forearm straight, and avoid tilting it to one side. Try to keep the arm that will be releasing the ball oriented toward the basket.
- 5) Aim for a target just above the rim, and try not to shoot the ball short. A good target is the backboard shooting square drawn above the rim.
- 6) Bend your knees. An accurate shot doesn't rely on arm strength; it uses leg strength to propel the shooter upward.
- 7) Shoot in one fluid motion, straightening your knees to strengthen the shot and your arm to provide aim. Release the ball with your fingertips. This allows you more control over your shot and a softer arc because of the backspin you create.
- 8) Follow through by bending your shooting hand forward, as though you're reaching for the rim.



# Danielle Quigley Day

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By Holly Surges, Staff Reporter

She started out as a preppy girl from Eisenhower and grew into a military police officer in Iraq. Danielle Quigley, an Eisenhower graduate of 2006, is currently a member of the Military Police and she has served in Iraq.

Many people questioned her decision to join the military. "Danielle is a go-to person and had all her goals set," says Miss Whitty, IKE guidance counselor.

**"YOU HAVE TO  
WATCH WHAT  
YOU SAY TO NOT  
OFFEND  
ANYONE," says  
Quigley.**

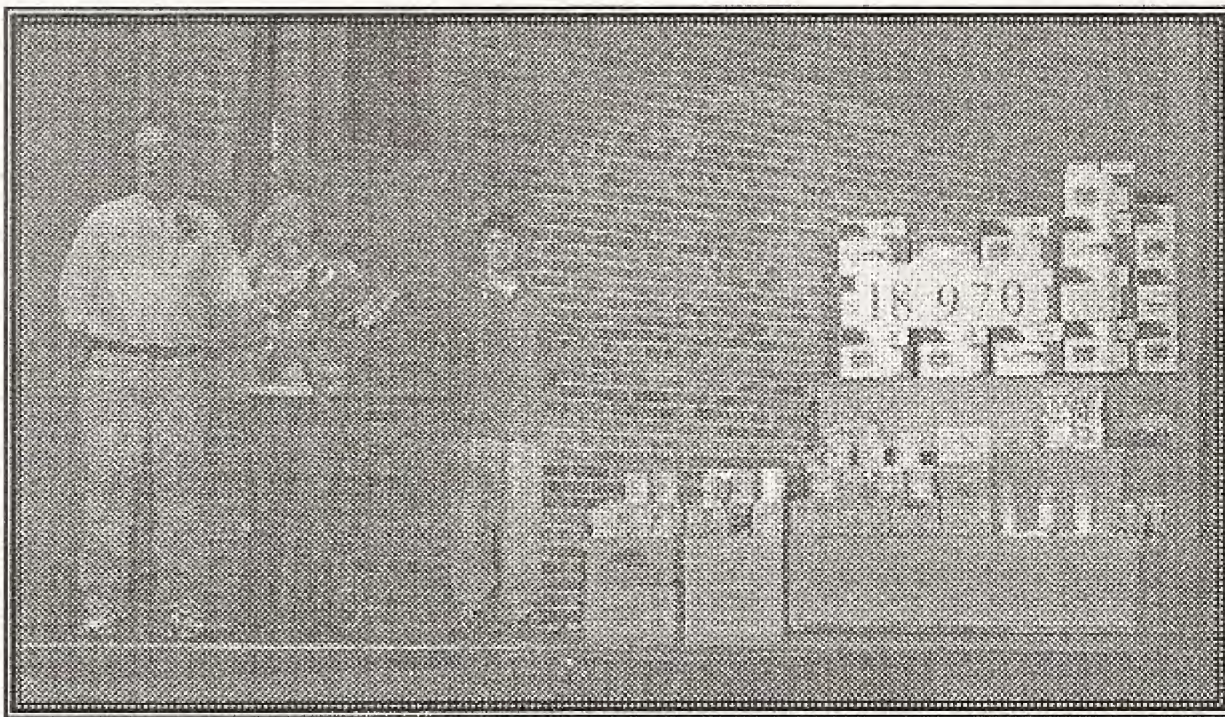
"The technology they have is about the same as when I was in second grade."

Although it may sound terrible being transferred to Iraq with no one you know, there are some benefits.

"The other military police with me were so close, we were a family."

Daniel also described the country a not too scary because you know someone will always have your back.

The amazing soldier,



"No one in my family never had been in the military, and no one thought I would go through with it. My friends were shocked to hear the news that I decided to join."

The biggest shock for Danielle was the total culture shock in Iraq.

"They have totally different ways to show and give respect. You have to watch what you say to not offend anyone."

Another thing that shocked Danielle was the technology.



Danielle Quigley had the opportunity to have such a supporting family that they set up a drive with the middle school. They set up a box in every class for food and hygienic product and all in all collected 18,970 products for the soldiers in Iraq.

The mayor also dedicated a special day to Danielle on May 20th as Daniel Quigley day.





# Krystal Clear

By J. H. Lane

It is never easy to forge your own path in high school. Teenagers are often judgemental and insensitive to anyone who is different from the flock. Krystal Drott is a senior here at Ike and she is openly gay and that has certainly set her own path.

She is easy to notice around the school because she is the only girl brave enough to cut her hair short. Very short. Krystal used to have hair that was down to her elbows, until she decided she did not want to be the same as everyone else.

As of August 2007, Krystal began to cut her hair shorter and shorter, until it had reached its current length, a faux hawk.

Ironically enough, when Krystal started coming out to people (mainly males), she ended up getting more attention from the guys than before.

"I was told that it was just a phase and that I had it met the 'right kind of guy' yet." Krystal comments.

After she cut her hair short, what she feels was the best decision of her life, she walks the halls feeling like a "walking museum exhibit"

Her 'difference' from everyone else since her haircut has been the topic



Krystal, strikes a pose. Taken by Men Marple.

of many conversations, and even class discussions.

Krystal says, "I've heard everything from bets being taken regarding how long I will be a lesbian before I 'turn back' and how I am 'ruining myself' to very positive outcomes

from friends who were strangers [before my haircut] thanking me for having so much confidence."

Friends have said how they feel "more comfortable in their own skin" around her and those who are also homosexual are having the courage to tell their own friends and families.

Krystal walked through the halls, she received many comments about her unique hair, including a group that would cough the word "cancer" under their breath whenever she walked by.

"The way a lot of people have looked and acted towards me walking through the hallways here at Eisenhower has been interesting," Krystal stated, "I don't understand how one can just see a stranger, what must have only been a handful of times, and without knowing their background say something like that."

On the other hand, Krystal has also commented that the

students and staff at Ike do come off as more compassionate and understanding.

As Dr. Seuss put it,

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

## How to be different at Ike

"Don't be a dumb blonde." –Nellie Worden

"Do what you want to do because *you* want to do it." –Carly Drzewiecki

"Be a Satanist." –Matt Dustrude

"Don't *try* to be different. Just be yourself." –Sarah Ganas

"Grow out your hair" –Bryce Meyer

"Don't be easily influenced, and stand your ground." –Chelsea Tadeyeske



# What Can't This Guy Do?

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By Krissy Hashek, Staff Reporter

Lars Joranger. A name commonly heard throughout the Eisenhower hallways, the soccer field, and the track. Lars is an exchange student from the 900 person city of Stordal, Norway. Lars has been staying with the New Berlin Schinker family for about a year.

"My host family is very nice. They include me in family activities which is very cool of them to do," said Lars.

Just imagine moving to another country where the language is not natural to you and not knowing anybody. Try making friends with people who say words that you don't even understand. Despite the fact that being a foreign exchange student can be fun, it can also be extremely scary.

When comparing New Berlin and Stordal, Lars says that the two have nothing in common. "There's a lot less people [in Stordal], only one place to go out to eat, no high school, and no police station."

Despite its limitedness, Lars

says he misses knowing what's going on all the time in the town and not having to ask people what's happening.

When asked about his favorite part of the U.S. he said, "Definitely the whole high school experience." And when he leaves he will miss seeing all the people everywhere and being able

to go out and have fun with friends.

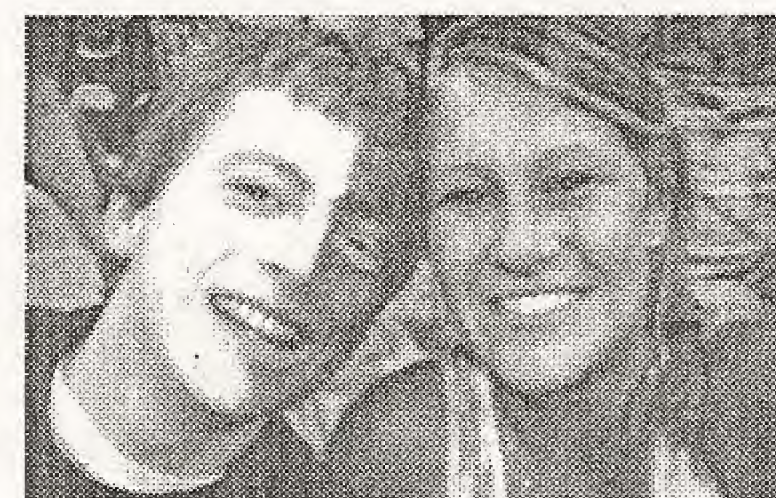
"There's always something to do and somewhere to go in New Berlin." If there's one thing Lars doesn't like about New

Berlin, it's the rules. "I just don't understand why there are so many rules, especially in school. At home we can pretty much do whatever we want."

It's true that most non-American people stereotype Americans as fat, lazy, rich people. Before Lars came to the U.S. he tried not to have many opinions of Americans.

Although Lars is clearly an inspiration to others, who does he look up to? "Either my parents or my older brothers. I don't want to be a movie star or anything."

## 5 Things You Probably Don't Know About Lars



1. In Norway I won state in cross-country skiing.
2. My favorite TV show before I came to the U.S. was *That 70's Show*, so it's ironic that I came to Wisconsin.
3. I'm a horrible singer. I mean, really bad.
4. I hated hip-hop music before I came, but people have converted me and now I like it.
5. My favorite movie is *Coach Carter*. It's classic.

## Who is Lars, to you?

It's hard to describe Lars unless you use the word AWESOME!

-Andrew Forret

Lars is pretty much friends with everyone. It's really cool.

-Brittany Rader



Lars is my hero. It used to be Michael Jordan, but now it's Lars Joranger.

-Greg Heimrel

He's really great. He fits in with everyone here.

-Lauren Crowley

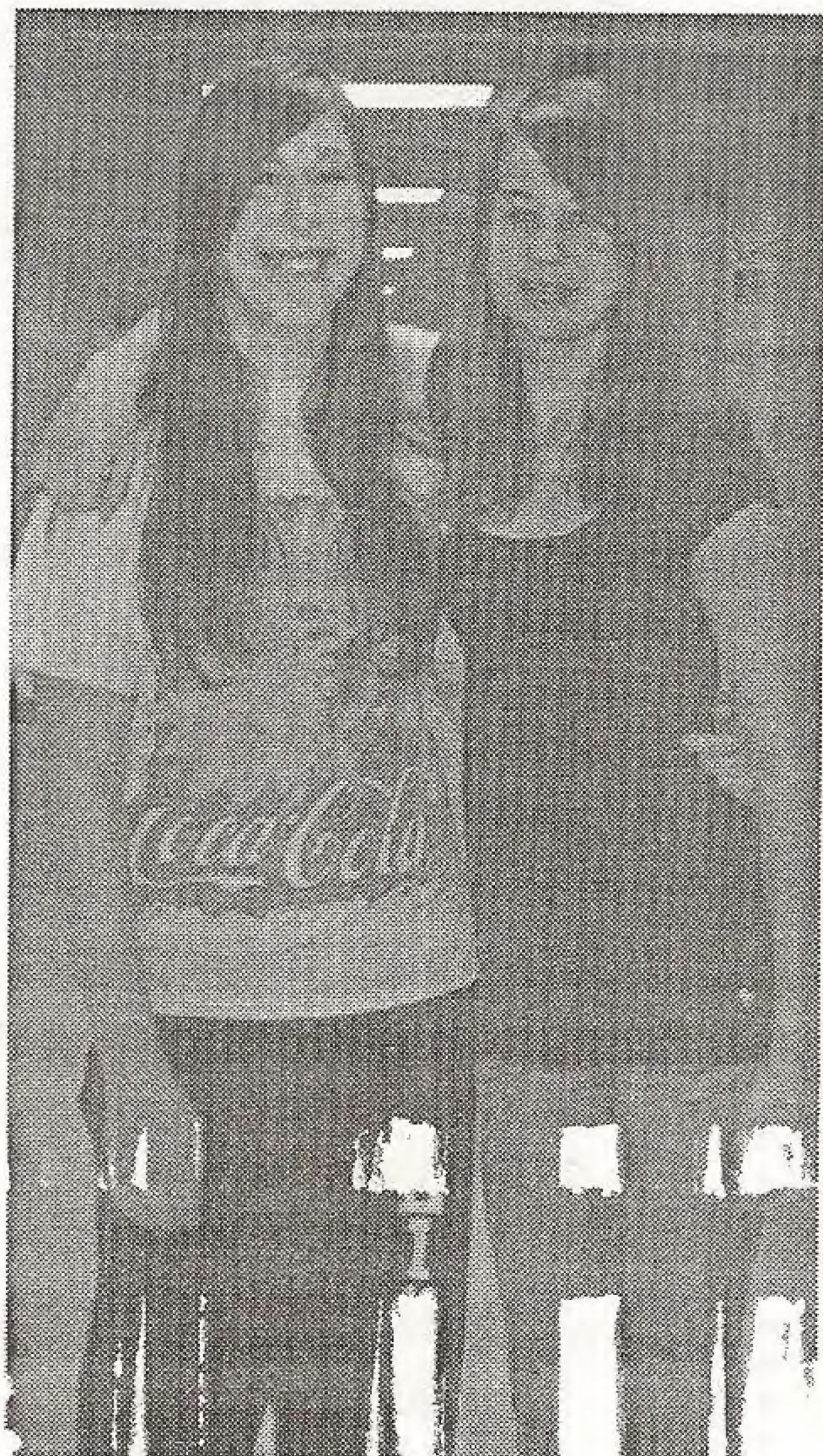
Lars is cool! He is really easy to talk to and is tons of fun!

-Staci Ehlers



# Heather Dremel Inspires Confidence

By Mrinal Gokhale, Staff Reporter



Heather Dremel (right), standing with her friend Suzanne.

Photo by Mrinal Gokhale

Statistics show that America's number one fear is public speaking. Performing in front of crowds would be even harder. Many people say that they would never want to be on stage or at least not by themselves. But with a lot of hard work and confidence

it can be achieved. And that is why eighth grader Heather Dremel is an inspiration.

Heather has always been into singing since she was little. She says that her family would do karaoke together for years. She first became interested in performing just two years ago when she was in sixth grade.

"I was never in choir or never had a voice lesson, but in sixth grade I did a talent show and I personally did not think I was any good before that."

This is what helped her recognize her talent and develop a great new hobby.

In her first year at Eisenhower last year, she started off small by taking a chorus part in the musical.

But when she talent show she really got the crowd's attention. She sang a Broadway song called "The Girl in 14G," by Christian Chenoweth. The crowd was amazed by her performance.

Her interests are more in piano and Broadway instead of the more modern and popular type of music heard on the radio.

There are a lot of people out there that wish they could show off their talent and have fun on stage rather than trying to avoid it.

"My advice is definitely go for it, you will not regret it. It is not

about competition, it is about going out there, trying your best and having fun," she advises.

It is difficult not to worry what others are thinking about you, but the biggest obstacle for Heather and many other people out there is overcoming self-doubt.

"I did not think I was good enough. But just practicing over and over and getting compliments from others helped me. I learned to ignore anyone that does doubt me."

"I am still horribly afraid of crowds," she admits. "Right before a performance I just sit and breathe slowly, or sometimes just go into the bathroom and scream a little."

This year, Heather has played a chorus part in the middle school musical just like last year. She also plans on singing in the talent show again.

Singing is a great hobby. People have told Heather she should try doing something with it. But instead, she would rather just keep it as a hobby. She is actually interested in becoming a teacher in the future.

If you or someone you know has potential to be on stage or would like to try it out, there are many opportunities in Wisconsin for voice lessons, theater, many more performing arts activities.

## Lessons in the Area in Music and Theatre

### Wisconsin Conservatory of Music

Sharon Wilson Center  
19805 W. Capitol Drive  
Brookfield, WI 53045  
(262)-781-9470

Voice, piano, guitar, chamber, ensemble

### Cascio Interstate Music

13819 W. National Ave  
New Berlin, WI 53151  
(262)-789-7600

Guitar, percussion, accordion, theory, song writing, voice, piano, strings, woodwinds

### UW Whitewater Music Camps

UW - Whitewater 800 West Main Street  
Whitewater, WI 53190-1790

Music camps along with a theatre camp meant for middle and high scholars. See <http://www.uww.edu/conteduc/camps/musiccamps.php> for information.



# Senior Ben Weitekamp

By Otto Barretto, Staff Reporter

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Standing somewhere between 5'4 and 5'5, you might call senior Ben Weitekamp "height challenged," but if you do, prepare to get a face full of floor and a good joke to go along with it.

Despite his sometimes intimidating appearance—Ben resembles a small, bipedal polar bear—people find him to be a very agreeable person.

Sophomore Brady Bachmann commented, "He's a good man, very wise. He tells things how they are. Ben's honest, very persuasive, sexy, hard working, and he cares about everyone."

Not only does he care about everyone, he seems to care about everything. Taking time off from wrestling, playing the cello in honors orchestra, rehearsing lines for the spring play, his job at USA Family Thrift, getting a 4.0 GPA and working to become a firefighter,.

**Otto: Alright, why do you like to wrestle?**

Well, I like to challenge myself, and in my opinion I think wrestling is the hardest sport out there. You have to be physically strong but even more so mentally. Cutting and making weight is one of the hardest things I've had to do in my life. The discipline I learned wrestling has helped me with almost everything else I do.

**You're not exactly Yao Ming, how have you dealt with it?**

Who's Yao Ming? [told that he's a 7'6 Chinese basketball player for the Houston Rockets] That's tall. Anyway, I started lifting weights early, and lifting a lot. There used to be this one kid who was taller that would beat me up and make me cry. I have to be more aggressive and more mental when I'm up against bigger guys. Then in 6<sup>th</sup> grade I beat him in a match and it felt awesome. But yeah, my height doesn't really bother me that much. The ladies are fine with it.

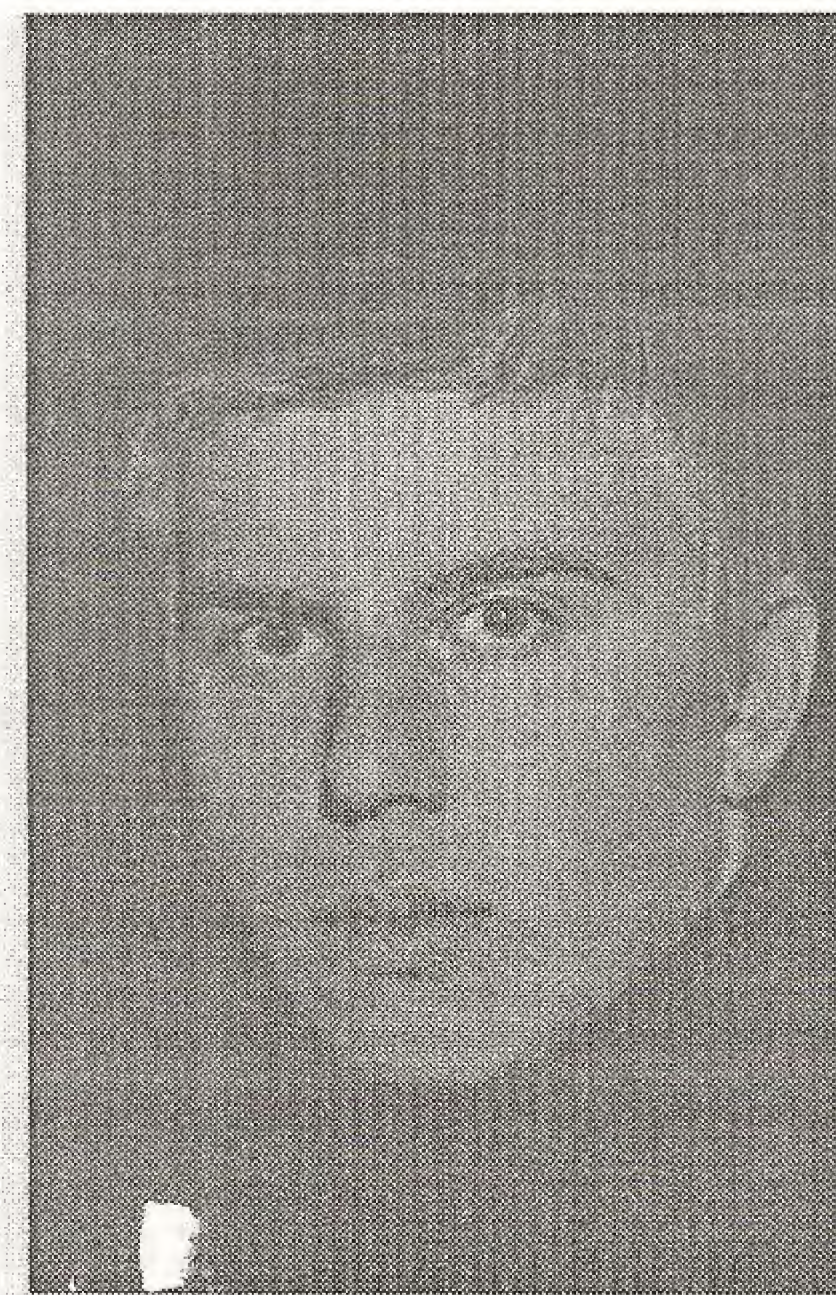
**You played the role of King Arthur in this year's spring play, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, what made you want to act?**

This is my second year of being on stage, and I just always thought I had a knack for acting; I like making faces and all that. Plus it looked like fun and the people were really nice. Oh and Mrs. Starkey's great.

**You're going to UW Milwaukee to study Fire Science next year. Tell us about your ambition of becoming a firefighter**

I care very much about public safety, and I have good medical knowledge. Wrestling has given me a lot of the mental and physical strength needed for the job. The benefits are great, and I have two uncles and a cousin who are also firefighters, so I guess it runs in the family. But yeah, I just like helping out people in general.

**On top of sports, music, acting, and your job, you have a 4.0 GPA. What drives you to work so hard in school?**



The fact that I'm an adult now, with a lot more responsibilities. **You've obviously got a lot of things on your plate. How do you stay so positive throughout all of it?**

A lot of fishing, frisbee golf, hunting, and hanging out with my good friends.

**Alright, one last question: what would you say to the kids reading this, the ones that wanna become future Ben Weitekamps?**

Well....umm...Life is too short to be angry and hold grudges. Do things that make you happy. Be the person you wanna be.



## With Mrs. Tully, It's Always the Right Equation

By Rachel Cohen, Staff Reporter

Anyone who has attended Eisenhower within the past couple of years knows Patricia Tully as the fun loving, bubbly, and charismatic math teacher. However, what many seem to forget or refuse to believe is that Mrs. Tully is retiring this year from her 28th year as a respected educator here at IKE.

Although Mrs. Tully has been teaching at Eisenhower since 1980, she had previous teaching jobs that helped her get to where she is now. It all started at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse when she thought about going into Physical Education. However, over a period of time Mrs. Tully took a sudden liking to math and decided to switch her major. In addition to math, Tully received a teaching license and decided to use her skill to better the minds of adolescents.

Patricia Tully started out in Minneapolis and soon moved back to Wisconsin to teach in New Berlin at what was once known as Glen Park Middle School. Middle Schoolers weren't her forte, which is why she took the job at Eisenhower five years after the Glen Park job.

Tully says she'll miss Eisenhower quite a bit.

"Of course I'll miss my colleagues and the students I've taught over the past couple of years, but the thing I'll miss most is not being able to help someone where they need me most, math. Tests, on the other hand, I won't miss."

In addition to her busy

school schedule, she has a family to take care of with three daughters. Tully likes to refer to them as "The Three Sisters," which is also the name of her beach house in Florida. Her eldest daughter, Jaimy, is 27 years old and a manager at the best place in the world, Disney World. Her middle child, Cassy, is 24 and has recently graduated from UW-Madison and works at the Plymouth Art Center. Lastly, Taylor is 20 years of age and studying at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse for a career in sports management.

Junior Bree Surges says, "The one thing that I find inspiring about Mrs. Tully is her ability to never give up. Our class like many, gets frustrated when we are confused and don't understand new material, but does she give up on us? No. She ALWAYS finds a way to help us understand, and she won't stop until it's drilled into our heads, which is something I really admire."

With such responsibilities, who wouldn't be impressed with her ability to maintain a normal lifestyle? In addition to family and school, Mrs. Tully loves to visit her beach house in Destin, Florida, swim in her pool, and go biking, things she plans to do in retirement.

"My plans for retirement

are sleeping in, working out, drinking coffee, and just relaxing. I don't have too many plans for where I'll go or what I'll do just yet, I still have to wait until my daughters are settled in with what they want to do before I can move on with my life."

Always thinking of others is one of many positive traits Mrs. Tully says.



Mrs. Tully's third hour class (aka Favorite Students)

"The one 'thing' that inspires me most would be a famous quote that states, 'One hundred years from now,

it will not matter what kind of house I lived in, what kind of car I drove, how much money was in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like. But that the world may be a better place because I was important in the life of a child. That's one quote that I always like to apply to my life, and my math students."

Junior Emily Bauman says, "She has just inspired us all, and not just in the math room, but life in general. Mrs. Tully has always wanted us to succeed in everything that we do and that's something I'll never forget."



# Sophomore Paul Schinner

By Ryan Werner, Staff Reporter

He comes to Eisenhower High School from Wauwatosa. Paul Schinner, sophomore, stands 6 foot 2 inches tall and is an inspiration because he plays an assortment of JV and Varsity sports, gets outstanding grades, helps out his community in Wauwatosa, and volunteers in downtown Milwaukee.

For starters, Paul is a very athletic person. In the school year, he has played JV basketball, which went 20-0 to finish off the season. Paul is also currently playing #2 doubles on the varsity tennis team with partner Jeremy Dejno, winning a majority of his matches.

Paul Schinner says, "My favorite sport is basketball because it's fun. I play sports because it keeps me out of trouble."

Also, Paul is consistently on the high "A" honor roll. This is quite impressive because he is taking classes such as AP U.S. History, Honors English, Chemistry and an array of other difficult classes that require a lot of time. Paul had a GPA of a 3.8 coming in to the fourth quarter. "I enjoy challenging myself and I'm extremely confident in my ability to bust out A's," Schinner added.

Sophomore classmate and teammate Tyler Nickerson said, "If you stop by 2<sup>nd</sup> hour study hall, you will see Paul hard at work; no games, no jokes, all work. People see this dedication and think, 'I want to be like Paul.' This attitude and influence helps out our community. He is the Mufasa of this

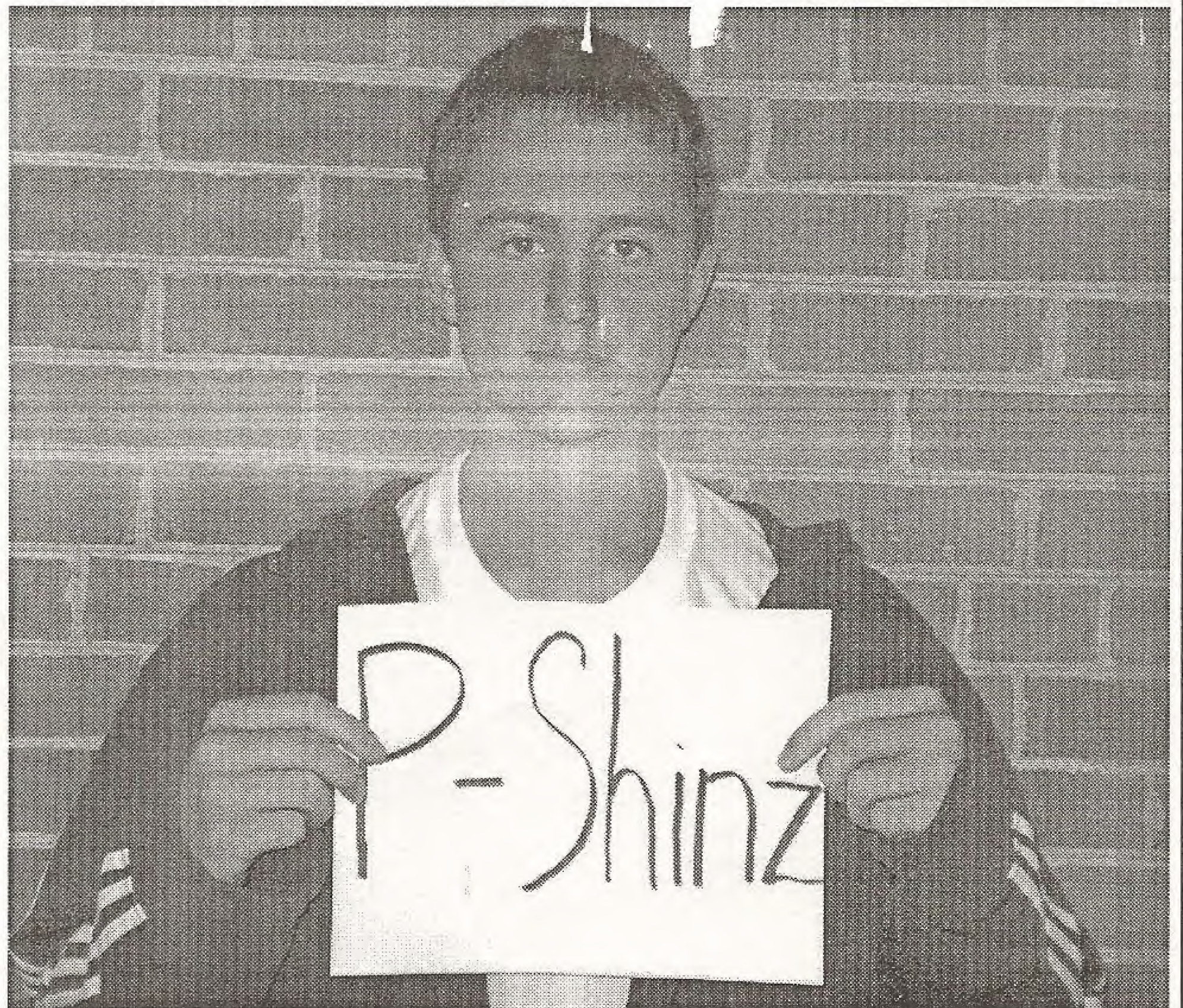
pride of lions."

The thing that people do not know about Paul is that he helps out around his community. Paul is a steady worker at the Milwaukee Mission on 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Wells in downtown Milwaukee. He helps the people at the mission find jobs to pay for items they need, so they don't have to beg for them later. Paul is also the local paperboy for his community in Wauwatosa.

Shinner said, "I am a speedy delivery person, that will get you whatever paper you want on time."

## PAUL'S FAVE FIVE SONGS

- 1.) Pop Bottles by Lil' Wayne featuring Birdman
- 2.) Get Some Crunk In Your System
- 3.) Duffle Bag Boy by Lil' Wayne
- 4.) The Boss by Rick Ross



*Paul Shinner is "wanted" for being a excellent student-athlete at Eisenhower and a big help around the community.*

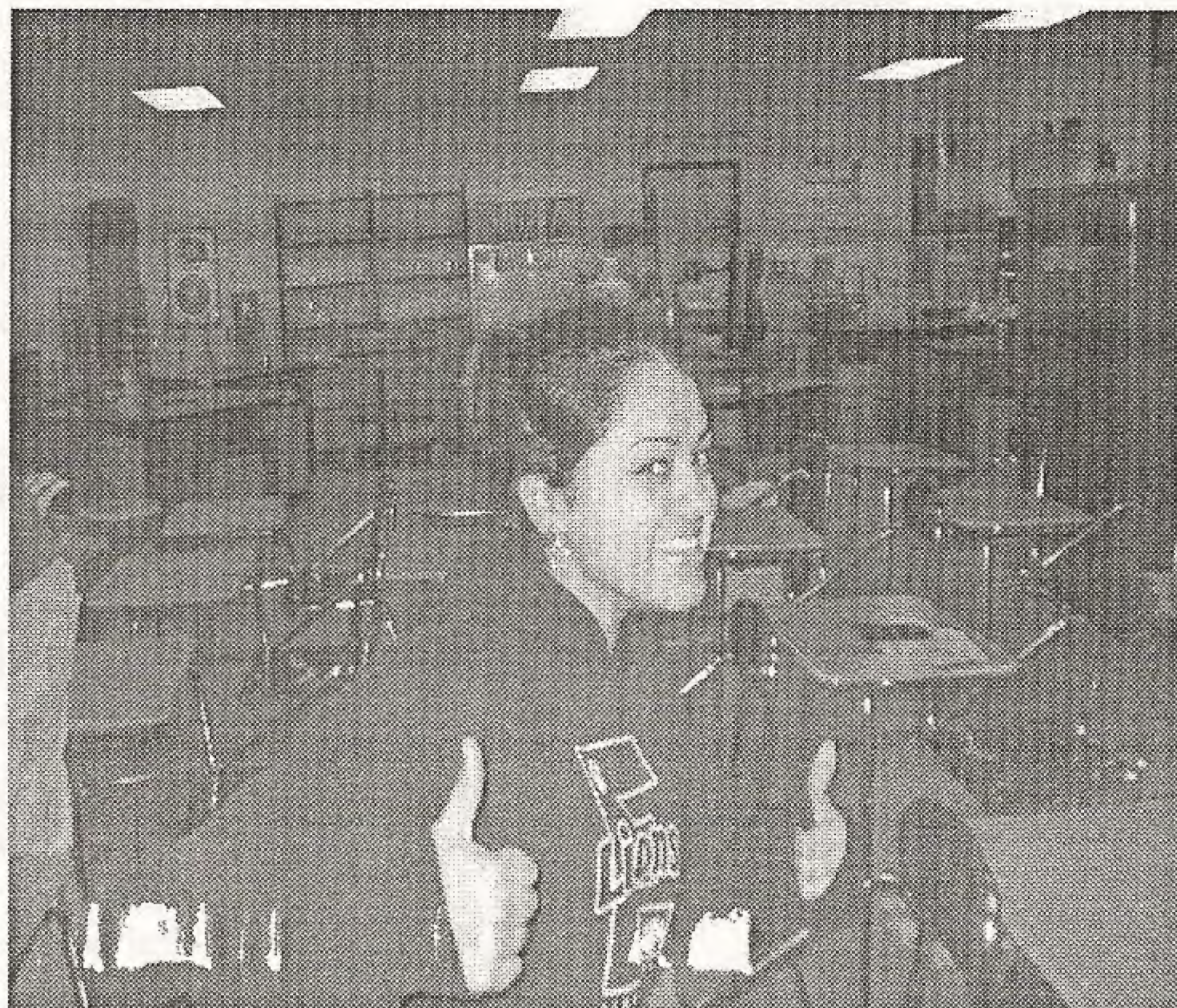


# Happy Go-Lucky Riya Talwar

By Ryu Kusakabe, Staff Reporter

Meet Riya Talwar, sophomore, and one of Eisenhower high schools inspirational people. She born in India, came here when she was nine months old in Waukesha, and moved to New Berlin in the second grade. She is so cheerful and friendly that she always makes people happy.

In her job at the restaurant Scorpio, her relationship with her boss and the staff was difficult. Sometimes her boss makes even full-grown adults cry, but her cheerfulness always made the staff happy and laugh, no matter how bad the situation is. Ask her why she is so



*Sophomore Riya Talwar always has a smile on her face.*

cheerful and friendly to people, she says, "Life is too short to not happy. That's why I am always happy."

Her personality was influenced by her family. Her father is religious and believes

someone cannot live a complete life unless they try to be the best they can be by always telling her to do right thing. That's what makes her try so hard to be to good person.

Her best friend, Sheila Hossemi, sophomore says, "She is open, outgoing, nice and friendly to anyone. The best part about her is her personality. I learned from her how to be more outgoing."

Riya also says, "Sometimes people cannot function unless busy and no matter how bad it is, try to make the best of it."



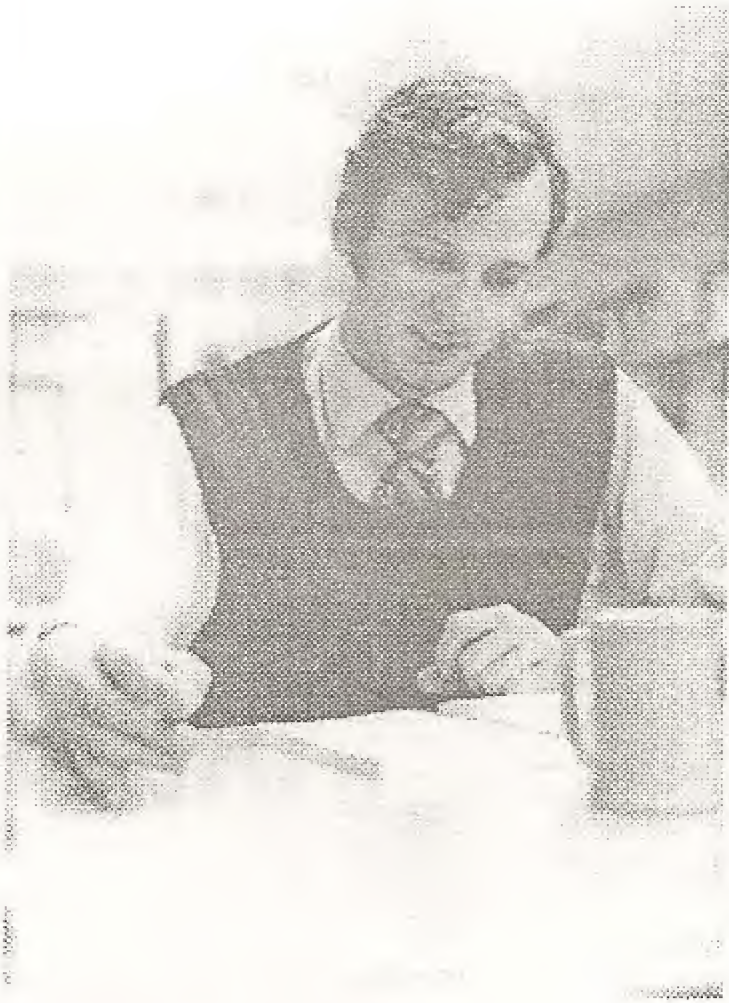
*Riya and her friend, Sheila Hossemi.*

## Riya Does it All!

- Member of Student Union
- Track and field
- SADD
- Temple member
- Has two jobs



By Sammie Manuel, Staff Reporter



Forty years is a long time to teach and most teachers would have retired by now, but Mr. Wegner enjoys teaching so much he's still here and doesn't plan on leaving.

"I've been teaching since I was 21 and I'm 26 now so that's only 5 years of teaching, but before me my dad taught at Eisenhower," said Mr. Wegner, Social Studies Teacher, in the joking manner that makes him a favorite of so many people at Ike. "I love teaching because I like seeing the energy and the potential my students have everyday."

Mr. Wegner is a teacher, but he has a life like the rest of us. He likes to explore the many different experiences life has to offer and he is able to appreciate them for what they are.

His favorite hobby is photography. In fact, he is making a giant photo album of pictures of the sky including sunset, sunrise, all the contrasts objects have against the sky. He also photographs weddings and school

events such as plays and prom.

Music is something Mr. Wegner has always loved and knowledgeable about.

"I love music and I'm always listening to it. Especially while I'm correcting papers or just in the car music is always on. My favorite kinds of music include 1930's- 1980's big band, jazz, folk, early rock, the Beatles, and Louis Armstrong," says Mr. Wegner.

He also enjoys going downtown or out of state to explore things different cities have to offer and to experience new things.

"My philosophy is to be positive and appreciate life. Enjoy life as much as I can everyday. I realize I have had a lot of failures and made a lot of mistakes and yet, in the midst of all that, I've done some things in life right. We just have to put life in perspective and realize that no one is perfect and to, therefore, keep trying," Mr. Wegner said.

This is what it is that makes him so admirable and motivational. He realizes the important things in life like to forgive and forget because life is too short for anger.

He helps students and co-workers realize the importance of living. To make every second and every moment count and to try to have fun and if along the way you make some mistakes it's okay because you'll learn from them.

To realize and to be able to admit you're not perfect is something not many people would happily accept, but Mr. Wegner has come to know all these life

lessons and put them to use in his life. This not only makes him knowledgeable in the classes he teaches, but also in the world around him.

He appreciates life for what it is without question on how to change things and whenever you're in his class you can't help but laugh at some lame joke he tells because he's not only trying to enjoy his life, but he's also trying to help his students enjoy theirs.

## THINGS THAT HAVE CHANGED OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS

Gas Prices Per Gallon:  
1968: \$0.34  
2008: \$4.09

Price Of a Movie Ticket:  
1968: \$1.50  
2008: \$9.50

Average Price Of a New Car:  
1968: \$2,822  
2008: \$28,000

Technology:  
1968: the Emergency 911 telephone service is first used in the USA  
2007: Apple Introduces the iPhone.

Also in 1968,  
1st Big Mac was sold at McDonalds.



# Award Winning Athlete Jacob Ergen

By Sasha Stother, Staff Reporter

***"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."***

***-Special Olympics oath***

Jacob Ergen, a 7th grade student, is a person who has achieved great things. Jacob participates in Special Olympics. Special Olympics is an international organization to help people with disabilities and special needs train and compete in Olympic sports.

Jacob was diagnosed with Down syndrome at birth, a genetic disorder, but he has competed in almost every sport including bowling, swimming, track, and basketball. Jacob heard about Special Olympics through "word of mouth" and started at the age of eight.

"Friends" Jacob replied, using sign language, when

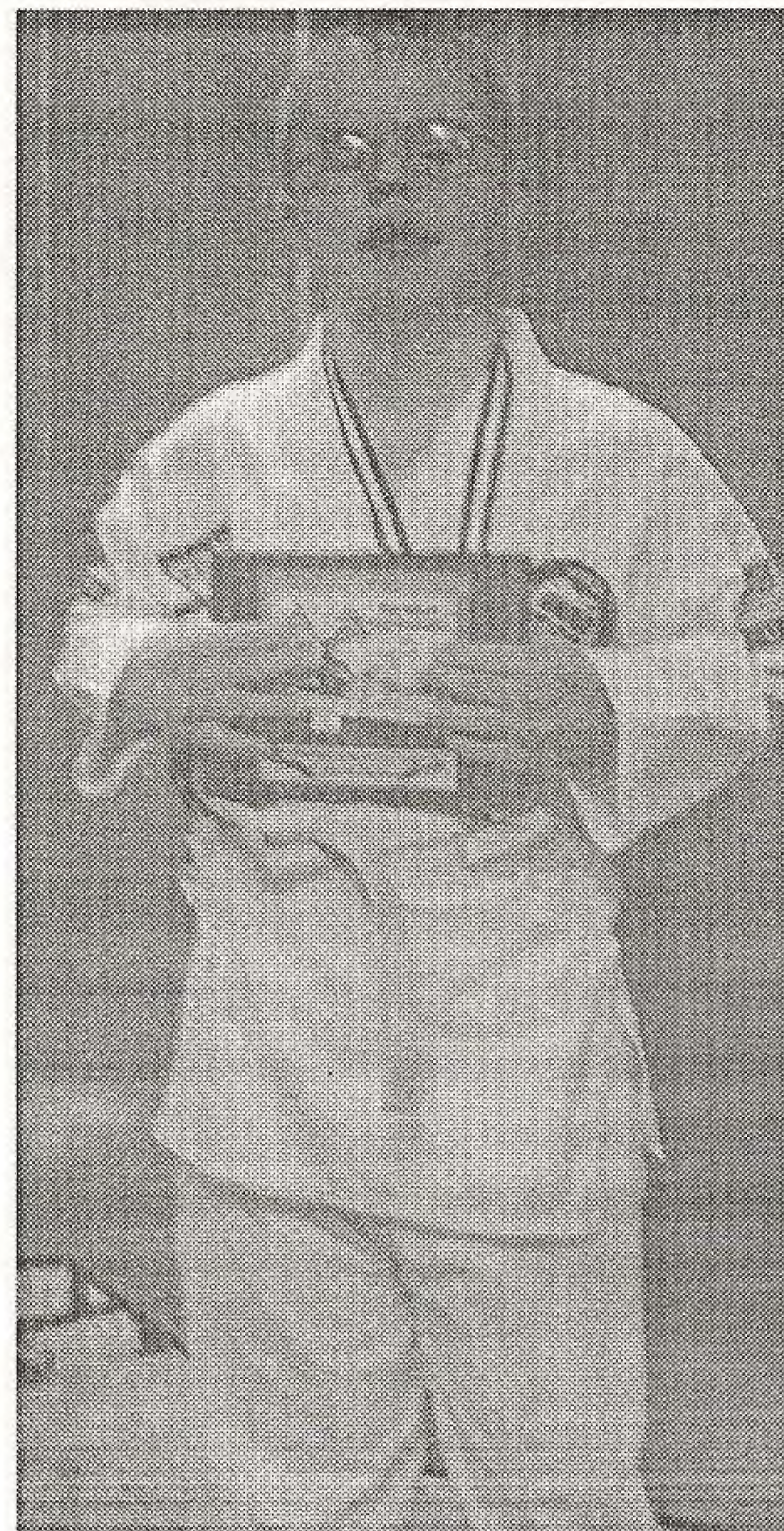
asked how he first heard about Special Olympics.

Jacob has to meet once a week with his coaches to practice for the year tournament. He has a 1st and 2nd place ribbon for swimming this year.

"Jacob is going to state for swimming this year in June," said Mike Steward, one of Jacob's teachers.

Jacob will be going to Steven's Point to win state. Jacob has had a lot of support from family, friends, and teachers, but when he was asked who inspired him the most, "Mom" he signed.

For information on Special Olympics, or to donate or volunteer, please visit: [www.specialolympicswisconsin.org](http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org)



*Jacob wearing his karate uniform and holding medals and a plaque he has won.*



The logo is a symbol of growth, confidence and joy among children and adults with disabilities who are learning coordination, mastering skills, participating in competitions and preparing themselves for richer, more productive lives. The spherical appearance of the logo is a representation of Special Olympics' global outreach. The Official Logo is a visual representation of the theme: "Special Olympics--Uniting the World through skill, courage, sharing and joy."



# MICHAEL SCHROEDER

## The Free Spirit

Michael Schroeder, the middle child of five, grew up in Green Bay. From childhood, Michael's father, who was a staff sergeant during the Vietnam War, taught his children what fun it is to be a kid and how to take advantage of the freedom you have as a child. Mr. Schroeder's father also passed down the legacy of being a waterskiing clown. By the time he was nine, Mr. Schroeder could water ski barefoot and by high school was a professional water-skier, and later became a waterskiing clown.

"Both of my parents made sure that all of us kids had opportunities they did not," said Mr. Schroeder, "My family was actively involved with scouts, camping, playing cards, swimming, fishing, sailing, baseball, road trips in the station wagon, and all sorts of outdoors activities. My childhood was great because we did things as a family."

After finishing high school, Mr. Schroeder went on to attend Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois where he earned a BA and studied Biology, Chemistry and Pre-Med. Then he earned Masters in Zoology and water chemistry at Western Illinois University and masters in secondary science education at the University of Iowa. While living in Polk City, Iowa, Mr. Schroeder's wife's father developed prostate cancer that had spread to the bone. To be closer to his father-in-law, they packed up and moved closer to

Green Bay. First, Michael taught at Kewaskum, but the long commute got tiring and a job teaching AP Biology, and Anatomy/Physiology opened up at Eisenhower.

"I had already taught AP Biology and Advanced Bio before so I thought it might be a good fit. Needless to say I got the job and have been [at Eisenhower] since," he states.

"Mr. Schroeder's assignments can be challenging, but his goofy spirit makes it fun," says junior Stephanie Kolata, one of his AP Biology students.

Living life to the fullest, getting out there and experiencing the real world is what makes this Michael an inspiration. In high school, Michael remembers hopping on his motorcycle with friends and gallivanting across the United States, and the world (but not on a motorcycle, obviously). One of his best memories was his "eye-opening" trip to Europe with friends, where he met his ideal women, but fell quickly out of love at the sight of her typical European culture unshaven armpits. Visiting Okinawa, Japan during typhoon season with his wife is another of Michael's most memorable experiences. But he didn't have to travel the world to create amazing memories; one of his greatest times was parachuting in Oshkosh, which this self-proclaimed adrenaline junky calls a "rush".

"Beyond all, my most



*Mr. Schroeder in full clown makeup before his senior prom.*

exciting adventure is still unfolding before my eyes. Each day brings new promise of adventure with my family, my friends, and [my students]," he says.

Even with all he has experienced, he still has goals to accomplish for the future. Among these are to continue being a great husband, father, and friend, travel to Australia to scuba the barrier reef, tour the world, and make many more friends. But mostly he wants to be remembered with a smile. No matter what he does, he lives by the words, "Die with your boots on! Live life, don't watch it! If there's a will, there's a way!"

"If your school or your life is not what you would like it to be than stand up and change it!" says Mr. Schroeder, "Many times in life you will be presented with opportunities to do the right thing. Even though it may be difficult, and may decrease your monetary reward, do it! If you don't, who will? The ride is great even though there are many bumps in the road. ENJOY THE RIDE!!"



# Off to a Great Start: Noel Diab

By Holly Surges, Staff Reporter

Walking through the hallways this person may look like your average 7th grader with a huge backpack and holding their whole locker in their hands, but she is an inspiration.

The fact that Noel is so committed at a young age is so inspiring.

She comes home every day telling her mom how well she's doing in school and how she can't watch TV or go outside because she has to finish all her homework and studying first. This determination to expand her knowledge and give up fun activities to learn and study is inspiring.

"I love to go to school and learn new things!" says Noel.

Her grade point average is a 3.6. Noel is also involved in orchestra where she plays violin. She practices about every other night for at least 20 minutes. "I try really hard to study as much as I can, I never want to fail."

Another inspiring aspect about Noel is that her mother, Suzana, came from Mexico. Suzana was raised and went to school her entire life there.

"It's sometimes hard for some people to understand my mom because English isn't her main language but she still

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Suzana has the tiring job of raising four kids by herself and still maintaining her own cleaning service.

Noel's brother also was born in Mexico but was raised in California Illinois and Wisconsin. Her older sister, Suzanne, was also born in California and raised in Illinois and Wisconsin. Noel also has a younger sister, Gabby.



## Fast Facts

Siblings- Three

Favorite Food- Pizza

Favorite Place- Chicago

Favorite Thing to do- Hangout with friends



# Small body, **big heart**, extraordinary mind.

By Kamryn Brown, Staff Reporter

A person's world is only as big as their heart. Not many at such a young age could discover such a thing. Looking at the world from a smaller and different point of view Marissa Gonzalez remains a constant inspiration. 5 ft. tall this young lady strives to do her best every day. Marissa is a fun loving girl but most who know her know that Marissa's "sassy" attitude keeps the room alive.

Marissa is different than many girls, in a better way that not many people see. She doesn't judge you by what you wear or where you come from, she listens openly to every problem and she always responds with reasoning and a piece of advice in situation handed to her. She never hesitates to pick up the phone and call to see how your doing or to see if your okay, hearing Marissa's voice is inspiration alone, just knowing she took the time to think about how others were doing other

than herself. "Marissa always calls me if I'm having a bad day, she always cheers me up," says Jennie one of Marissa's closest friends. Marissa has big hopes and dreams; she plans

## Quotes from Friends & Teachers:

"Marissa is a fun girl, she always makes me laugh."

- Mr. Budziszewski

"Marissa always puts a smile on my face."

- Jennifer Cook

"She has such a big heart, she is one of the nicest girls I know."

- Hannah Losi-Strader

to attend a college when she graduates to go into interior design and fashion. The strongest thing people see in her is that she doesn't let her learning disability bring her down;

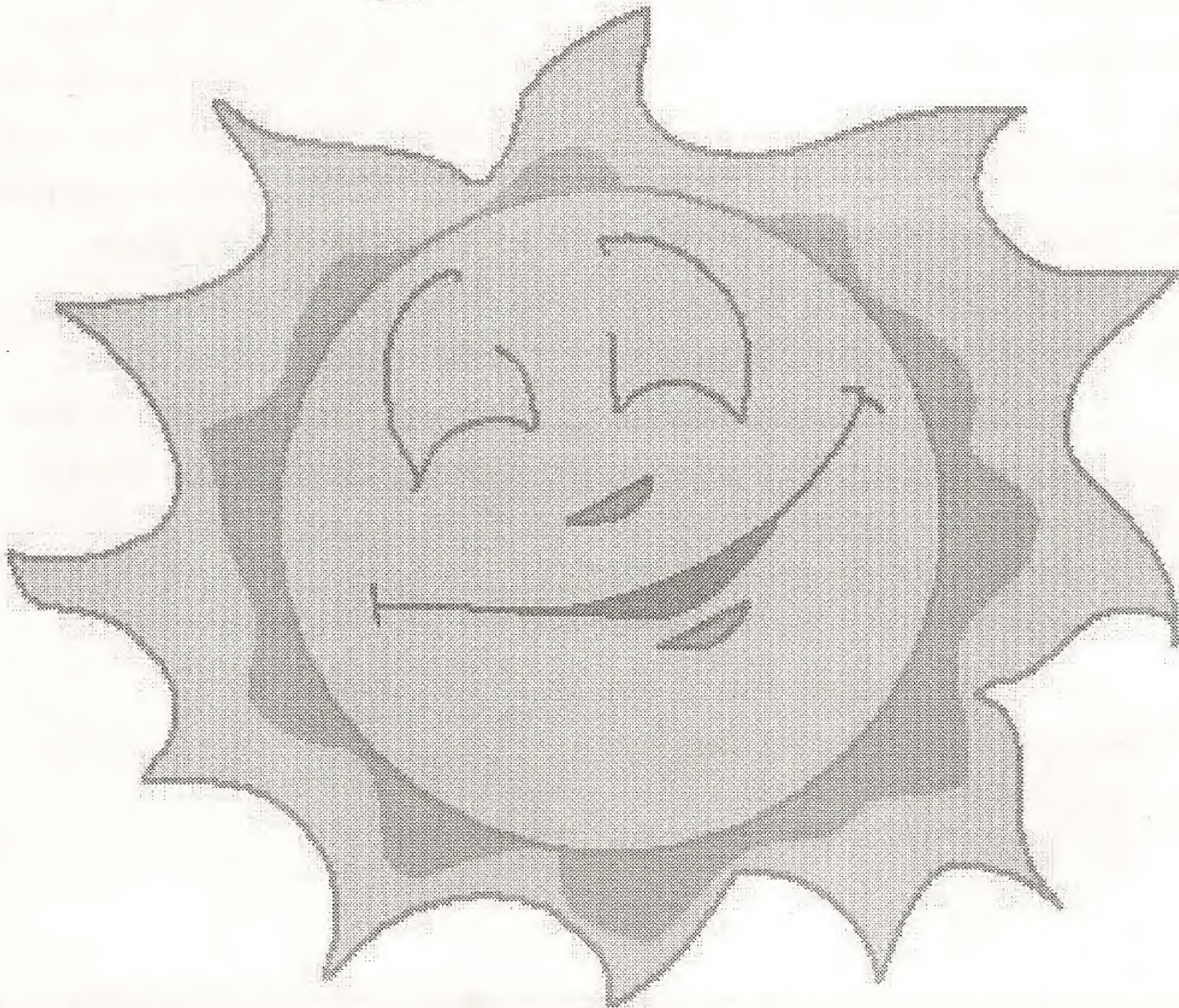
she is just like everyone else.

Marissa never fails to show her goals by continuously coming to school looking beautiful and keeping a smile on everyone's face. Not many people would know that Marissa lives pretty far from school and the drive to and from school everyday takes a long time. Even though Marissa takes the bus home, she still hurries to get her homework done on the ride home.

Marissa is an inspiration to alot here at Eisenhower, and she has yet to fail to put a smile on anyone's face that she runs into. Marissa makes people laugh, she makes them smile and she will never stop caring about those around her. Generous and loving Marissa will always stay strong.



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